

REMARKS

The following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated August 15, 2005. In view of the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to proceed with examination of the application on the merits, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

Restriction Requirement

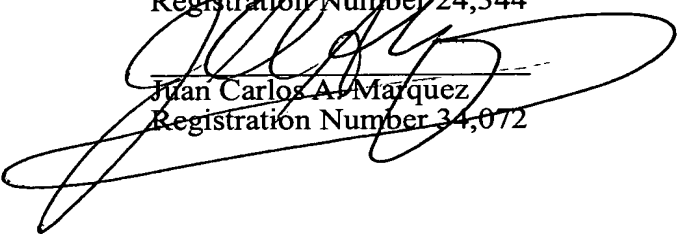
In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement set forth in the above-mentioned Office Action, Applicants hereby elect the continued prosecution of the invention identified as Group II, set forth in claims 2-12, directed to a method of producing the bead alignment structure, classified in Class 156, subclass 272.2, without traverse. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application on any non-elected invention, as may be applicable.

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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